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**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,**  
 Began to announce the ARRIVAL of the  
 following FIRST CLASS  
 S T O R E S, &c.  
 Ex "OCEANIC,"  
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Finest California BUTTER in Rolls.  
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Fresh APPLES.  
 "No Plus Ultra" APPLE RINGS.  
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 TONGUE.  
 Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. tins.  
 Boneless Spiced PIG'S FEET.  
 Assorted Devilled MEATS.  
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CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER  
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 WAFER BISCUITS per  
 Pound.  
 OATMEAL in Casks.  
 Fresh CORNMEAL.  
 Cracked WHEAT.  
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 RYE FLOUR.  
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CUTTING'S Assorted JELLIES in Glass  
 Pots.  
 CUTTING'S Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.  
 Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.  
 Do. PICKLED LIMES.  
 Do. STUFFED PEPPERS.  
 Do. ASPARAGUS.  
 Do. Ass. Corned VEGETABLES.  
 Do. Assorted PICKLES.  
 Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White BEANS.  
 Split PEAS.  
 Mess' PORK and BEEF.  
 BORDEN'S Condensed MILK  
 (very fresh).  
 &c., &c., &c.

ORRISON & BLACKWELL'S  
 HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULSON'S  
 Assorted German SAUSAGES.  
 Do. Do. VEGETABLES.  
 Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

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 SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

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 Celebrated Family STORES.  
 Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.  
 Truffled SAUSAGES.  
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 SALMON OUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).  
 HADDOCK ROES, Fried SOLES,  
 Kipper HERRINGS, BLOATERS,  
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 OATMEAL, &c., &c.

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The Latest and most Popular  
 NOVELS,  
 BY FIRST-CLASS AUTHORS.  
 DICTIONARIES,  
 &c., &c., &c.

"Cable Coil," "Perfection" and "Empress  
 of India"  
 TOBACCOES.

Specially Selected CIGARS.  
 Cavite CHEROOTS.  
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 Arcoceros CIGARS.  
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 Choice No. 3 Melsin CHEROOTS.  
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 Breech loading Central Fire FOWLING  
 PIECES.

Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog"  
 REVOLVERS.

SMITH and WESSON'S REVOLVERS.  
 COLE'S DERINGER PISTOLS and  
 REVOLVERS.

CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.  
 Hongkong, October 18, 1879.

## Intimations.

**TAKASIMA COLLIERY.**  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.**  
 FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.  
 Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S  
 ROAD CENTRAL; or, to  
 THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.  
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. jal

**YUENG CHUN CHONG.**—I was a  
 Steward on board the *Princess Charlotte*  
 nearly 15 Years. The Dr. (BENNETT)  
 had shown me to make MILK PUNCH WINE,  
 and I have followed doing the same and  
 used Superior Materials or Stuff which is  
 made by Dr. Bennett, which may be drunk  
 at any time without pernicious effect. Now  
 I wish to be established on shore.—No. 62,  
 WELLINGTON STREET.

**QUAN CHEONG.**  
 Hongkong, December 2, 1879. ja2

**LOST.**  
 A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY  
 TICKETS ex *Esmeralda* from  
 MANILA, November 11th, containing the  
 following Numbers, for the December  
 drawing:—

28 Tickets,.....No.	1,940 @	1,962
23 " " " "	2,623 "	2,645
28 " " " "	3,768 "	3,790
23 " " " "	4,397 "	4,419
23 " " " "	5,248 "	5,270
24 " " " "	6,196 "	6,219
24 " " " "	7,790 "	7,813
24 " " " "	8,479 "	8,502
24 " " " "	9,081 "	9,104
24 " " " "	10,471 "	10,494
24 " " " "	11,496 "	11,519

The Manila Government have been notified  
 of the Loss, and any Prizes which may be  
 drawn on the above Tickets will not be  
 paid.  
 The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if  
 necessary, by returning the package to the  
 Undersigned.

**RUSSELL & Co.**  
 Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

**LOST.**  
 A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER,  
 answers to the name of "PUNCH."  
 Small white spot on breast.  
 \$5 Reward will be given.  
 Address: No. 12, Praya East.  
 Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
 SINGAPORE.

**THE S. S. Moray** having arrived from  
 the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
 are hereby requested to send in their Bills  
 of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
 signature, and to take immediate delivery  
 of their Goods.  
 Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
 once landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
 and expense.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
 Hongkong, December 6, 1879. delB

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
 SINGAPORE.

**THE S. S. Arratoon Apear**, Captain A.  
 B. MACAVISH, having arrived from  
 the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by  
 her are hereby requested to send in their  
 Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
 signature, and to take immediate  
 delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at  
 once landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
 and expense.

Consignees are also hereby informed that  
 any Claims must be made immediately, as  
 none will be entertained after the 13th  
 instant.

**D. SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, December 5, 1879. del14

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**S. S. "NIGATA MARU" FROM**  
**Kobe and YOKOHAMA.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
 Vessel are hereby requested to send in  
 their Bills of Lading for countersignature,  
 and take immediate delivery of their Goods  
 from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-  
 ing on board after TUESDAY, the  
 9th instant, will be landed and stored at  
 Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

**MITSU BISHI M.L.S. Co.,**  
 6, Queen's Road Central.  
 Hongkong, December 8, 1879. del15

**BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL**  
 FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
 Vessel are hereby requested to send in  
 their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
 for countersignature, and to take im-  
 mediate delivery of their Goods.  
 Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
 Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
 signees' risk and expense.

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, December 1, 1879. if

## To-day's Advertisements.

**KO SING THEATRE.**

An Interesting and Skillful PERFORMANCE  
 played by the Chinese Actor  
**S A E T S A I Y U N G**  
 of the  
**P O Y E I C L A S S**  
 will be Held in KO SING THEATRE, No.  
 119, QUEEN'S ROAD, West Point, on  
**SATURDAY EVENING,**  
 13th inst., commencing at 9 o'clock.  
 GREAT TREAT IN STORE.  
 DO NOT FAIL TO BE PRESENT.

This Actor's PERFORMANCES in San Fran-  
 cisco, California, were unrivalled in success.  
 Admission, First-class, One Dollar.

**KO SING THEATRE.**  
 No. 119, Queen's Road, West Point.  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del15

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.**

The Steamship  
**"KWANGTUNG,"**  
 Captain Abbott, will be de-  
 patched for the above Ports  
 on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at Day-  
 light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del16

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

**FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.**  
 (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through  
 rates for HANKOW and Ports on  
 the YANGTZE.)

The Company's Steamship  
**"TEUWER,"**  
 Capt. R. T. POWER, will be  
 despatched on or about the  
 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879.

## CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

**FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.**

The Steamship  
**"FLEURS CASTLE,"**  
 KIDDER, Commander, ex-  
 pected here in about a fort-  
 night, will have immediate despatch for the  
 above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,**  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879.

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO**  
**STEAMBOAT COMPANY,**  
 LIMITED.

COMMENCING ON SATURDAY, the  
 13th inst., the *NIGHT BOAT* will  
 leave CANTON for HONGKONG on SATUR-  
 DAYS, instead of SUNDAYS, at 5 p.m.

By Order,  
**P. A. DA COSTA,**  
 Secretary.  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del14

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES**  
**MARITIMES.**

**S. S. ANADYR.**

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per *S. S.*  
*Genge*, from London, in connec-  
 tion with the above Steamer, are hereby  
 informed that their Goods are being  
 landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
 pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
 obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
 unless intimation is received from the Con-  
 signees, before TUESDAY (Friday), the  
 12th inst., at Noon, requesting it to be  
 landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
 the Undersigned.  
 Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY,  
 the 18th instant, at Noon, will be  
 subject to rent and landing charges.  
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
 Agent.  
 Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del18

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
 Owners will be Responsible for any  
 Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew  
 of the following Vessels, during their stay  
 in Hongkong Harbour:—

*OSERON*, German barque, Captain S. S.  
 Schmidt.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

*PALMA*, German barque, Capt. Binge.—  
 Melchers & Co.

*HONGKONG*, German 3-masted schooner,  
 Captain Carl Oom.—Wilder & Co.

*PEIRO*, German barque, Capt. Seekamp.—  
 Siemens & Co.

*PRIMUS*, Russian ship, Captain Th. W.  
 Bergman.—Order.

*UNDINE*, German barque, Captain F.  
 Kruse.—Melchers & Co.

*MOSES B. TOWER*, American barkentine,  
 Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

*ALICE REED*, American barque, Capt. J.  
 H. Kilbuck.—Melchers & Co.

*AMY TURNER*, American barque, Captain  
 A. W. Newell.—Russell & Co.

*JOHN NICHOLSON*, British ship, Capt. T.  
 B. P. Campbell.—Messageries Maritimes.

*LAUREL*, British barque, Capt. Johnson.  
 —Gibb, Livingston & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Dec. 10, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 782,  
 Schultze, Shanghai Dec. 7, General.—  
 Siemens & Co.

Dec. 10, *Kwongchow*, British steamer, 189,  
 A. N. Love, Hoihow Dec. 8, General.—  
 Kwok Ahong.

Dec. 11, *Hwai Yuen*, Chinese steamer,  
 984, O. Wilson, Shanghai Dec. 7, 8 p.m.,  
 General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 11, *Feronia*, German steamer, 1115,  
 H. Schultz, Swatow Dec. 10, Ballast.—  
 Siemens & Co.

Dec. 11, *Hayden Brown*, American barque,  
 855, Havener, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Oct. 28,  
 Coal.—Melchers & Co.

Dec. 11, *Roderick Hay*, British barque,  
 200, P. H. Nicolson, Swatow Dec. 10, Bal-  
 last.—Turner & Co.

Dec. 11, *Emil Julius*, German barque,  
 501, N. H. Jurgensen, Tournon Nov. 19,  
 General.—Melchers & Co.

Dec. 11, *Anadyr*, French steamer, 2491,  
 de Boleguit-Baron, Marseilles Nov. 2,  
 Naples 4, Port Said 9, Suez 11, Aden 16,  
 Galle 26, Singapore Dec. 8, and Saigon 7,  
 Malle and General.—Messageries Mari-  
 times.

**DEPARTURES.**

Dec. 10, *Alida*, for Hamburg.

11, *Endymion*, for New York.

11, *Conquest*, for Hoihow.

11, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.

11, *Yangtze*, for Canton.

11, *Hwai Yuen*, for Canton.

## CLEARED.

*Courier*, for Bangkok.

*Auguste Reimer*, for Takao.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Anadyr*, for Hongkong: from Mar-  
 seilles, Messrs. Lechbald, Foss, Bell, Pere  
 Degenau, Mr and Mrs Hubig; from Saigon,  
 Saut St. Adolphe, and 198 Chinese.—For  
 Shanghai: from Marseilles, Messrs. Hogart,  
 Fraser, Cunningham, Perrot, Watt, Pere  
 Joffroy, Vial, Gard, and Countess; from  
 Suez, Mrs. Megaw.—For Yokohama: from  
 Marseilles, Messrs. Colomb, Ogura, and  
 Toth; from Saigon, Salaballa.

Per *Hwai Yuen*, from Shanghai, Messrs.  
 B. Talper, J. Pott, G. J. Kingworth, and  
 T. Whitten, 117 Chinese and one European.  
 Per *Kwongchow*, from Hoihow, 16 Chinese.  
 Per *Emil Julius*, from Tournon, 125 Chi-  
 nese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Douglas*, for Swatow, Mr E. V. Wel-  
 ton; for Takao, Mrs. Mannich.

Per *Co-quist*, for Hoihow, &c., 50 Chi-  
 nese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Yangtze* reports:—  
 Left Shanghai on the 7th at 6 a.m. First  
 part strong N.W. winds. Latter part  
 moderate northerly wind and fine weather.  
 Arrived Hongkong at midnight 10th inst.

The British steamer *Kwongchow* reports:—  
 Fresh monsoon and fine weather through-  
 out.

The Chinese steamer *Hwai Yuen* reports:—  
 Moderate N.W. winds and fine clear weath-  
 er throughout. Met S. S. *Chinkiang* and  
*Fuyew* on the 10th, off the Lammocks.

The American barque *Hayden Brown* re-  
 ports:—Light Easterly winds and fine weath-  
 er.

The British barque *Roderick Hay* reports:—  
 Light airs and calms.

## CARGO.

Per *S. S. Teheran*, sailed 6th Dec.—

To London: from Macao and Canton,  
 16,785 boxes Tea, containing 159,770 lbs.  
 Congou, 146,538 lbs. Scented Caper, 34,491  
 lbs. Scented Orange Pekoe, and 10,000 lbs.  
 Sorts—total 850,799 lbs. from Canton, 524  
 bales Silk, 22 boxes Silk Goods, and 226  
 bales Waste Silk; from Shanghai, 12 boxes,  
 1,042 half-chests and 64 pkgs. Tea (particu-  
 lars unknown), 2,247 bales Raw Silk, 2  
 boxes Silk Goods, and 12 bales Waste Silk;  
 from Japan, 92 boxes, 247 half-chests and  
 6 pkgs. Tea (particulars unknown), 808  
 bales Raw Silk, and 29 bales Waste Silk.

To Continent: from Canton, 35 bales Raw  
 Silk, and 141 bales Cocoons; from Shang-  
 hai, 319 bales Raw Silk; from Japan, 51  
 bales Raw Silk, and 76 bales Waste Silk.

To New York: from Canton, 120 bales Raw  
 Silk.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY and TAMSUI.—

Per *Hailong*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the  
 12th inst.

For HIOGO, YOKOHAMA, AND NAGA-  
 SAKI.—

Per *Nigata Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Friday,  
 the 12th Dec.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
 SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—

Per *Bowen*, at noon, on Saturday, the  
 13th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHEW.—

Per *Kwongtung*, at 5 p.m., on Monday,  
 the 16th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND  
 CALCUTTA.—

Per *Arratoon Apear* and *Moray*, at 2.30  
 p.m., on Tuesday, the 16th inst.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Amazon* will  
 be despatched on SATURDAY,  
 the 13th December, with Mails to and  
 through the United Kingdom and  
 Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits  
 Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
 Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bom-  
 bay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
 the Mails, &c.

## MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Thibet*  
 will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,  
 the 17th instant, with Mails to and  
 through the United Kingdom and  
 Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to  
 the Straits Settlements, Batavia,  
 Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt,  
 Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
 Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa,  
 nor for Mauritius.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of*  
*Peking*, will be despatched on WED-  
 NESDAY, the 24th Dec., with Mails  
 for Japan, San Francisco, the United  
 States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c.,  
 which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m.—Registry cases.

2.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Letters  
 (except for Non-Union Countries) may  
 be posted on-board the Packet with  
 Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage  
 until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies  
 (except the Bahamas and Hayti),  
 Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay  
 cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, November 27, 1879. del24



H. E. the Governor has been pleased to direct that the following days be observed as public holidays throughout the Government Departments:—Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Friday, the 26th December, and New Year's Day.

The thermometer at the Harbour Master's Office during the week ending Friday, 5th December, registered a maximum of 76 on that day and a minimum of 66 on the 2nd and again on the 3rd. The thermometer at the Peak during the same week registered a maximum of 68 on Sunday and Tuesday and a minimum of 59 on Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

The table of the hours which will be observed in closing the contract mails by the British and French Packets is now published officially. On English mail day, as we before explained, the steamer leaves at 11 p.m. The mail closes then, save for late letters, at 10 o'clock. From 10.10 to 10.30 letters may be posted with a late fee of 18 cents; then the office closes entirely and later letters may be posted only on board the packet with late fee of 18 cents from 10.40 until time of departure. At 5 p.m. on the day of departure the money order office closes, and the post-office also till 8 p.m., so that no stamps can be purchased or enquiries made then. The night box, which is always open out of office hours, is available, of course, during the interval. The registry of letters ceases at 9 p.m., which is the latest hour up to which the posting of all printed matter and patterns can be effected. On French mail days which are also to be Wednesdays the steamer leaves at noon. Registration closes at 5 p.m., on the previous day. The post-office opens on mail day at 7 a.m., the registry of letters is allowed only for three hours after that, and at 11 a.m. the posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. The mail closes, as now, for all save letters with late fee at 11, and these are received from 11.10 to 11.30. From 11.40 till time of leaving letters may be posted on board the packet with a late fee of 18 cents.

A HOMICIDE seems to have been perpetrated last night, for which it is to be hoped, some one will be brought promptly to suffer. The body of a woman, with no clothing covering it, save an under-jacket, was found in the water opposite the naval coal sheds at Kowloon. Eight incised wounds, five in the throat and three in the abdomen, all of them having the appearance not of cuts but of stabs inflicted by a two-edged dagger, were found on her body, manifestly sufficient to cause death, and certainly not self-inflicted. The body is that of a woman say 35 years of age, a good looking, well nourished woman; but there is, of course, no indication by the one garment she wore as to what class of life she belonged to. She had had a luxurious crop of hair and this was brought over her face, as far as the chin, knotted and parted across the mouth, the two loose ends thus left being bound round her head and tied at the back of the neck. This would have prevented her screaming even while a deadly assault was being committed on her. A blood-bespattered boat, no doubt the scene of the crime, was picked up later on by the Water Police off Peddar's Wharf. This "exhibit" in the case, is an ordinary sampan such as ply in the harbour, and it bears the number 3616, but this is the license number of the last year's register. It has not, so far as the authorities are aware or the records show, been a licensed sampan this year. One of the sureties for the holder of license 3616 of last year has been found and has gone to the hospital with a view to ascertaining whether the body is that of any one he knew. Strict enquiry in You-mah-ti has failed to ascertain that any woman is amissing from there. Those who have been concerned in this crime have presumably deserted the boat and fled, after tossing the corpse of their victim into the water. The fact of the body being almost naked points perhaps to a possibility of a provocation for the homicide which, probably more than mere hot-blood, soufing or anything of the kind, reduces the gravity of the offence to manslaughter. The case will require careful looking into. If what is the generally-accepted theory of the crime be correct, another body, a man's, may probably be yet found in the harbour. The Police are searching for the owner of the boat and the husband or relatives or friends of the deceased, whose body has not yet been identified. No arrest has yet been made. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

The Chinese community has been sorely vexing its mind during to-day and yesterday over a rumour which has been set agoing by some people who have recently arrived from Canton, and industriously spread by those of whom it may be truthfully said that they are at least neither friends nor well-wishers of the Opium Farmer. The rumour which has permeated to all corners and amongst every section of the Chinese community is to the effect that the

Opium Farmer, who is just now on a visit to Canton, had been seized, sent to jail and put in chains by order of a Mandarin whose name is also given. No offence was charged, it was said; the moving cause of this act of tyranny and injustice being the simple fact that the son of this said Mandarin, coming down the other day to Canton, and opium being found in his possession when his person and his luggage were searched, was prosecuted at the instance of the Opium Farmer and fined by the Magistrate. For this the Opium Farmer, so the story went, was thrown into jail at Canton, loaded with chains and submitted to insults and indignities. From this position he would not be released, he was told, until the fine the Mandarin's son had paid were repaid and a handsome squeeze to boot. As a British Subject, a Singaporean, he had appealed to the British Consul, and there was no saying what were not to be the consequences of this grave contravention of international Law. As it turns out, of course there is not a word of truth in all this report. The Opium Farmer is at Canton and is, up till the last opportunity, in communication with his people here. What those who set this huge lie going hoped to accomplish by inducing a belief in the mind of the community to the effect indicated, it is difficult to make out. It means one of two things—either that the Opium Farmer has malicious enemies who for private spleen or for trade purposes are willing to adopt the meanest tricks to annoy and probably harm him, or that there is a sore feeling in Canton with regard to some recent cases in which respectable visitors to Hongkong are supposed or believed to have been fined for having in their possession small quantities of opium which they had, ignorant of the law, brought with them here, declaring it to be for their own use. We believe the former explanation is the true one. The point as to the latter possible ground of complaint was raised in the Council the other day by the Hon. W. Kewick, but the Opium Ordinance in its new form makes no change in the law. The matter is left entirely to the discretion of the Magistrate.

An enclosure in a despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, dated 25th October, relating to the mail contract, is published in the Gazette. It simply bears out what we have already stated as to the arrangements. The G. P. O. writes:—

When the Governor's Despatch was written, the scheme for despatching the mail packets under the new contract was not drawn out, as it is only within the last few days that the contractors have submitted a time table for His Lordship's approval. That table is based upon a departure from Bombay on a fixed day (Saturday), throughout the year, the Indian Government having insisted upon such an arrangement, and according to it the homeward packet will leave Hongkong, on Wednesdays from 17th December, to the 7th April inclusive; on Saturday, the 17th April, and the 1st May, respectively; on Mondays from the 17th May to the 6th September inclusive; on Saturday, the 18th September; and thenceforward to the end of the year on Wednesdays. The hour of despatch throughout the year will be 11 p.m.

The following from the *Shanghai Courier* deals with a question of which we have had our experiences here and which is now agitating the authorities in the Model Settlement:—

An able seaman named William White, belonging to the British barque *Eme*, was brought before Mr Justice Wilkinson a week or two ago charged with having violently assaulted the Captain of his vessel at the gates of the British Consulate. Finding that he was a subject of the United States, his Worship sent him to the American Consulate for trial. The interesting point arose whether an American subject, or the subject of any country who stood on the subject of a British ship, could be tried in a British court of justice. If he could not, he had merely to get leave to go on shore to place himself beyond the reach of the English authorities. The United States Consul-General apparently thought he could be tried at the British Consulate, and some delay arose in disposing of the case of the man while the matter was being considered. Mr Justice Wilkinson, however, came to the conclusion, we believe, that he had better be tried by Mr Bailey; and he received a sentence of thirty days imprisonment with hard labour.

#### THE FATAL COLLISION BETWEEN THE S. S. AMOY AND A JUNK.

##### FINDING OF THE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The finding of the Marine Court appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the collision between the British Steamship *Amoy*, Official Number 68,490, and the Hongkong Licensed Fishing Junk No. 1645, is published in the Gazette. It is as follows:—

We find that the Hongkong Licensed Fishing Junk, No. 1645, owned by Ho Shun Hoi, was run into and captured by the British Steamship *Amoy*, Official No. 68,490, George Hermann Drewes, Master, between 11 and 12 p.m. of the 2nd October, 1879, while the said vessels were about 23 miles W.S.W. of Cheung point, causing the total loss of the junk and also the death by drowning of—Ho Shun Hoi, aged 60 years; Shek Sz, aged 45; Ho Shun Tai, aged 6; Ho 1, aged 2; Ho Pat, aged 4; and Chung Shing, aged 27.

The Master is entirely exonerated. The Chief Mate, Francis Phillip Abin, is at fault for not having lowered a boat and gone to the junk to see if the persons on board required any assistance, but his not having done so is partially accounted for by the fact of there being other junks round her.

We are of opinion that the collision is due to want of proper care and skill on the part of Mr James John Sullivan, Second Mate and officer of the watch, and we therefore adjudge that the certificate of competency of James John Sullivan, No. 680 of Hongkong, be suspended for a period of three months from this date.

The Court was composed of the following gentlemen all of whom sign the finding:—C. V. Creagh, Esq. Acting, Police Magistrate; Captain H. G. Thomsett, R.N., Harbour Master, &c. Mr. H. L. Dalrymple, Un-official Justice of the Peace; Captain E. Burnie, Government Marine Surveyor; Captain E. B. Baker, Master and Commander of the British ship *Star of China*.

The following is the Governor's minute on the finding:—

In this case the Court have found that the Hongkong fishing junk No. 1645 was run into and captured by the British steamship *Amoy* on the 2nd of October last, causing the total loss of the junk and the death by drowning of three Chinese adults and three Chinese children.

The Court entirely exonerates the Master of the steamer, but think the Chief Mate was at fault in not having lowered a boat.

The Court have also found that the collision was due to want of proper care and skill on the part of the 2nd Mate and officer of the watch of the steamer *Amoy*, and they adjudge that his certificate, No. 660 of Hongkong, be suspended for three months.

The proceedings of the Court have come before me in a letter from the Harbour Master in which he says, that as the certificate of the second mate has been suspended, the proceedings require my confirmation under paragraph 6, Section 243, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

I confirm the finding of the Court, as far as it declares that the Hongkong junk No. 1645 was run into and captured by the steamer *Amoy*, that the junk was totally lost and six persons drowned, and that the collision was due to want of proper care and skill on the part of the Second Mate and officer of the watch of the steamer *Amoy*; but, looking to the evidence of the Chief Mate, who was on deck at the time, that he did not blow the whistle, nor order a backwater of the engines, nor lower a boat, I cannot confirm that portion of the finding of the Court relating to the Chief Mate, which in my opinion deals too leniently with that officer.

It appears from the Master's statement, as herein recorded, that other proceedings in this case have been set on foot by the payment of \$2,000 by Messrs. Siemens & Co., the Agents of the junk. Looking to the somewhat unprotected position of the parties aggrieved, I cannot, as this matter has come officially before me, refrain from saying that the payment of \$2,000 is an inadequate compensation for the loss of the junk and the six lives, and that I am advised that, if there had been no such settlement, the parties aggrieved would probably recover in our Vice-Admiralty Court a larger sum.

#### THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

The performance last night was for the benefit of Signor Bergamaschi, and the public showed their appreciation of that gentleman's great abilities as actor and vocalist, by honoring him with a well-filled house. The piece chosen for representation, Rossini's comic opera "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," was a happy hit, and proved an almost unqualified success, the whole of the performers being well up in their rôles, and fairly able to do the opera justice. We have previously expressed the opinion that the members of Signor Cagli's company would be found better exponents of the lighter class of operatic pieces than of such heavy and impressive music as generally characterizes the tragic opera, and this opinion has been fully endorsed by the same artists who failed in *Faust* achieving a brilliant success in Rossini's sparkling comedy.

The Barbiere was first produced at the Theatre Argentina, Rome, at the Carnival in 1816, and has thus retained its great popularity for over sixty years. Never a season passes in London without several representations of this charming opera, and it is rather a singular fact that Adeline Patti, the first of operatic vocalists as she is the greatest operatic tragedienne on the stage, should have scored some of her greatest successes in the comic character of Rosina.

The action of the comedy lies in Seville, and we append a brief resume of the interesting argument.

The Count Almaviva, desperately in love with Rosina, the ward of Doctor Bartolo, after seducing his mistress, encounters Figaro, the Barber and factotum of the town, a meddling busy-body; to him the Count confesses his love, and they mutually plot for the purpose of bringing about the introduction of Almaviva to the maiden. Rosina is strictly watched by her guardian, Doctor Bartolo, who cherishes a desire of wedding his ward himself; in this design he is assisted by Bartolo, a music-master. Rosina returns the affection of the Count, in spite of the watchfulness of her guardian; she contrives to convey a letter to him, declaring her passion, and her intention to break through her trammels, and at the same time requesting his name. To obtain an interview with his mistress, the Count disguises himself as a drunken soldier, and forces his way into Bartolo's house; Rosina has already been told by Figaro that the name of the Count is Signor Lidor. The disguise of Almaviva is discovered by the Guardian, the pretended soldier is placed under arrest, and the first Act concludes.

In the Second Act the Count again enters Bartolo's house, disguised as a music-master, pretending that he has been sent by Bartolo to give a lesson in music, on account of the illness of the master. To obtain the confidence of Bartolo, he procures Rosina's letter to himself, and offers to persuade Rosina that the letter has been given to him by a mistress of the Count, and thus to break off the connection between the two. He obtains the desired interview, which proceeds satisfactorily, and Figaro manages to obtain the keys of the balcony, while at the same time an escape is determined on at midnight, and a private marriage arranged. In the meantime, Bartolo himself makes his appearance, the lovers are disconcerted, and the Count makes his escape.

Bartolo, who possesses the letter of Rosina, written to the Count, succeeds, by producing it, in exciting the jealousy of his ward, who, while under the influence of this feeling, discloses the plan of escape which had been arranged, and agrees to

marry her guardian. At the appointed time, Figaro and the Count make their appearance; and, after some confusion, the lovers are reconciled. A notary, procured by Bartolo, celebrates the marriage of the enamoured pair, immediately afterwards the guardian enters, accompanied by the officers of justice; into whose hands he is about to consign Figaro and the Count, when mutual explanations take place, and all parties are reconciled.

Signora Mancini represented the sprightly Rosina with much vivacity and naturalness, and well deserved the marks of approval which her clever acting frequently elicited. We have always considered the Signora a careful and deserving actress, but her excellent impersonation of Rosina was worthy of much higher praise than could be fairly awarded to any of her previous impersonations. The vocal requirements of the character were, as was to be expected, rather a severe strain on the artist's powers, and although she fairly achieved all she attempted, it would be gross flattery to say more in her favor. The music was not too well suited to the Signora's voice, which is, by the way, more like a mezzo soprano than a primo contralto assai. However, in the aria "Io sono docile son rispettosa," and in the duetto with the Count "Contro un cor che accende amore," her efforts were decidedly meritorious.

The Count Almaviva of Signor Sbriscia was one of that artist's best efforts. His vocalization was a great improvement on any of his previous impersonations, and in the duet with Rosina, and the beautiful aria "Ah! le ch'è d'amore," he fairly brought down the house. As we have not hesitated to harshly criticize Signor Sbriscia on various occasions when necessary, it given us all the more pleasure to be able to award him high praise for his latest impersonation, which, both in singing and acting, was a decided success. The mannerisms and exaggerations which have hitherto so strongly and so unfavorably marked the Signor's style were happily conspicuous by their absence in Count Almaviva, and he acted throughout with great spirit and with good effect. Signor Corbelli was an excellent Bartolo, reaching a high standard of general excellence. The chief characteristics of the worthy Doctor were depicted with much unctuous humour, the actor thoroughly identifying himself with the part, and proving himself in his own line a very useful man indeed. The buffo has the remains of what has been a first-rate voice, and his rendering of "Non più tacete" was deservedly applauded. The *Basilio* of Signor Bagaglio was a conscientious bit of character acting, which materially strengthened the cast, and added greatly to the actor's reputation as a good exponent of *basso centrale* parts. This artist has always sung well and his delivery of "No? Uditemi, e tacete" was no exception to the rule, and the audience showed their appreciation of his efforts by vigorously applauding. Signora B. Genolini and Signor Sala were better than usual in minor rôles, the lady especially singing in greatly improved style. The benefactors appeared in the title rôle to much advantage; in fact, we have little doubt that Figaro is one of Signor Bergamaschi's very best impersonations. His sketch of the fussy barber, meddling with everybody's affairs excepting his own, was hit off with humorous correctness, and the various phases of the character were delineated with artistic skill. Perfectly acquainted with both words and music, Signor Bergamaschi had no difficulty whatever in doing ample justice to his share of the music, and in the celebrated "Figaro" song obtained as usual a hearty encore, and more than redeemed his comparative failure as Mephistopheles in *Faust*—a failure, we may add, which was entirely attributable to an imperfect acquaintance with the text of the opera. Signor Bergamaschi has deservedly won wide popularity in Hongkong, both as an artistic of high class and as a courteous gentleman, and the patrons of these operatic performances, represented by the audience which filled the theatre last night, were not slow to recognise his claims to distinguished consideration.

The chorusses attempted were lamentably weak, but the management discreetly eliminated nearly the whole of the concerted music, and this, although to a great extent weakening the effect of the opera, was certainly preferable to spoiling Rossini's best music.

The accompaniments were again most efficiently played, and Signor Torriani's voice was happily seldom heard, although that gentleman conducted with his customary care and discretion.

#### NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Anadyr*, Capt. De Boisseuil Baron, arrived here this evening with London advices up to the 31st October, the same date as those brought on by the P. & O. steamer *Peshawar*, which arrived here on Thursday last week. We take from the files to hand the following late telegraphic advices:—

##### INDIAN TELEGRAMS.

Lahore, Nov. 15.—Surgeon Major Thom, late Civil Surgeon at Jullundur, died here of alcoholic poisoning and an overdose of laudanum on Wednesday.

Allahabad, Kuttar, Nov. 16.—The reason why the fine was not levied upon Kabul is that a close enquiry is being made as to the means of the inhabitants, when a complete sum will be named, which will be crushing. A proclamation will be issued in a few days, declaring the amount, and the Kabuleers will be told, at the same time, that the Bala Hissar will be levelled to the ground. All the money, goods, landed property, &c., of the men who were hanged, and of those who took a leading part against us, will be confiscated. A search is being made in all the districts for this property, which will go to swell a prize fund. A Prize Committee is now being appointed. The Shutarward troops will share the spoil, which already exceeds ten lakhs.

Simla, Nov. 18.—General Roberts telegraphs that a convoy of sick and wounded have started for India. All sick left in Kabul are well housed.

A Bombay Gazette special from London says,—"The 'Central News' Agency publishes a telegram to the effect that Lord Lytton returns to England immediately." The Court of Enquiry which sat to enquire into the charges of cruelty against the Ghoorikas at Charasia, made by Dr Bourke, have been asked to explain why they did not report the matter officially.

Nov. 19.—The Bala Hissar is almost destroyed; the powder reserve remains. Any Afghan found in the fortress at night is shot.

The "Central News" Agency has telegraphed to a Bombay paper that Lord Lytton's return to England is believed to be groundless.

The *Pioneer* understands that certain papers found at Kabul are calculated to excite very painful impressions concerning the nature of the recent relations between the Governor of Kabul and the Russian Cabinet.

Roberts is gazetted a Lieutenant-General.

Allahabad Kuttar, Nov. 22.—The report of the Commission left Kabul on the 18th. Whatever recommendation, either by the Commissioner or General Roberts, there may be, nothing has transpired here. The final decision as to Yakob Khan's guilt or innocence will be given by the Government; they will have before them a vast amount of evidence collected by Colonels Macgregor and Bellow and Hyatt Khan. The only inference which can be drawn from the complicated story of the outbreak at Bala Hissar, the storming of the Residency, and the conduct of the Amir during and immediately after these events rests upon a foundation of intrigue and lying which is very puzzling.

#### LONDON TELEGRAMS.

Nov. 18.—The Duke of Argyll, in his speech at Leeds last Friday, accused the Marquis of Salisbury of misstatements in connection with the policy of the Government. The *Times* now publishes a letter from the Secretary of State for India, which quotes from a report of the British Native Agent at Kabul in 1876, proving that the Amir, Shere Ali, refused at that time to receive an English Embassy, on the ground that it would be a pretext for a Russian one.

Nov. 20.—Baker Pasha's powers are not to be executive; he will simply communicate to the Sultan the steps necessary to be taken in the proposed reforms.

Captain Creagh has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

The *Times* publishes a letter from the Duke of Argyll, with reference to Lord Cranbrook's letter published in the *Times* of the 18th instant, in which he (the Duke of Argyll) states that the refusal of Shere Ali to receive a British Mission at Kabul was contained in a letter dated May 22nd, 1876, and in which no mention was made of the Russian Embassy.

The three persons arrested in Ireland for seditious language are Mr Killen, Barrister, Mr Davitt, a liberated Fenian convict, both at Dublin, and Mr Daly, the proprietor, of the *National* newspaper at Mayo.

Great excitement prevails throughout Ireland, and other warrants have been issued.

Constantinople, Nov. 21.—The Sultan has approved the proposal of Baker Pasha that the military service for all races and creeds be compulsory.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Thursday, Dec. 11.

AN IMPORTANT POINT—THE LAW AS TO GAMBLING HOUSES.

Siu Akwan was charged on December 1st with having violated the Public Gambling Amendment Ordinance 1876, was convicted in absence and fined \$200, which fine was not recovered from him. Teoi Anam, householder of houses Nos. 206 and 208 Hollywood Road, the upper floors of which, knocked into one by the removal of the partition wall once between them, was the scene of the alleged gambling, for keeping a place for which the first defendant was fined, was now brought up on a summons to show cause why the fine should not be recovered from him under the provisions of sections 17 and 19 of Ordinance 7, of 1866. The case was before the Court on the 6th, when Mr Ng Choy, who appeared for the defendant, contended that, reading Section 17, 18 and 19 together, Section 17 applied only to a case where the actual offender was before the Court and fined. Section 18 applied to a case where the actual offender could not be found or brought to trial; then it was provided, the householder shall be liable to any fine that might have been imposed upon him. Therefore, he argued, where an actual offender could not be found or brought to trial, the proceedings should be taken under Sec. 18, when the householder could make the defence for the absent man; not under Sec 17 as had been done in this case. He rested his case mainly on these two objections to the jurisdiction of the Court to proceed against his client in the manner in which this summons had been issued. No offence, he also said, had been proved to have been committed by the man Siu Akwan, and if he had been here he might have had a perfectly good defence to make to the charge brought against him. He further contended that if the Court acted under Sec. 17 the householder could not bring that evidence to rebut the charge brought against Siu Akwan which by Sec. 18 he would be entitled to adduce. The case was again on to-day, when the Magistrate (Mr Plunket) dismissed the summons on the grounds raised by Mr Ng Choy as to want of jurisdiction.

##### WHO STOLE THE HAT.

Mosilow, a "Jap," and Asat, a Penanz man, both described as seamen unemployed, were charged with the unlawful possession on the 4th, of a straw hat, the property of one Solomon Richards, an O. S. on board H. M. ship *Sheldrake*. Complainant had been on shore on leave, and after the manner of many of his race had been to too many public houses. He had been to the "Welcome Inn and had some liquor; he recollected nothing more until he awoke in the morning, and found himself on the pavement in Queen's Road. His hat, white flack, blue jumper and a silk handkerchief were gone. The hat was proved to have been found in the possession of the accused; each said he got it from the other.

Their defence was that they found the hat; no owner near it. None of the other missing property had been discovered, nor was it likely that any would; Inspector Corcoran said, in consequence of the burning the other day of several cast-off clothes shops near defendants' house.

Defendants discharged.

There were a large number of cases in which Chinese were fined for obstructing the roadway, Prays West principally, with goods set out for sale, with chairs and so on, a few cases of beggars, but no other cases of interest. An actor was fine 50 cents, with the alternative of three days, for having forced himself past the ticket collector and into the Ko Sinz Theatre, where, it may be of interest to note, they do not pass "the profess."

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### A GROWL OVER

"IL BARBIERE DE SEVIGLIA."

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Dec. 11, 1879.

SIR,—I have on several occasions witnessed Rossini's *chef d'œuvre*, "Il Barbiere de Seviglia," at all times comic; but an unexpected opportunity was afforded me last evening, to see it in *parade*. Shorn of some of its most beautiful passages, the Balacony Scene and many others to wit, that of the Musical Lesson an utter failure, the part of Rosina as well suited to the voice of la Signora Mancini as the love pelican of the wild-races is suited to whistle the National Anthem, and all on the stage singing without regard to music or time, to say nothing of an innovation in the shape of an overcoat, wielded from the wings, beating time in the Musical Lesson, it takes an audience such as only can be found in Hongkong, to pass over these little shortcomings so very good naturedly.

Signor Cagli has been heard more than once to say that people here do not understand music, that he does not care for the criticisms in the local papers, but the performances of his Company, but he will have to look to his own pocket, at the Model Settlement, if his opera are not more carefully put upon the stage than most of them have been here.

A LOVER OF GOOD MUSIC.

#### Japan.

##### NAGASAKI.

(Rising Sun, Nov. 29.)

The simultaneous departure on Sunday last of four sailing of different nationalities—English, German, American, and Russian—had somewhat the appearance of an international race. The two former were bound for Shanghai, and the two latter for Hongkong. Our local-built clipper *Aberdonian* was amongst the number, on her maiden voyage, of whom we trust to hear a favourable report, as the opportunity was undoubtedly a good one for testing her sailing qualities.

[Since writing the above we hear that Captain Conner, of the *Genkai Maru*, reports having passed the *Aberdonian* close to the lights.]

The *Hornet* returned from her cruise on the 22nd. The German frigate *Prinz Adalbert* is expected from Kobe in the early part of next week.

#### BURMAH.

The S. P. G. Parsonage at Mandalay has been turned up a Lottery Office. *Sic transit gloria!*

The Burmese are very apt in inventing plans for gambling. A little bird tells us a gentleman of this nationality has opened a business of the above description in 35th Street, which is carried on in a novel manner. This man gives out a riddle; all those present who wish to make a venture, name and deposit their stakes—they then begin to solve the riddle; those who get the correct answer are paid thirty times the value of their stakes, the banker sweeping in the money of those who have not tendered a right answer. He is lucky in getting a good attendance, for besides his own countrymen and Chinese there are a good sprinkling of stavedores and clerks at his hospitable abode.

A telegram has been received in Rangoon to the effect that H. M.'s 89th Regiment is to be removed from that station to Secunderabad, either at the end of this year or early in next. It is to be relieved by H. M.'s 44th Regiment at present stationed in Thayetmyo.

The Rangoon Times is glad to learn that Mr St. Barbe, C.S., late British Resident at Bhamo and Mandalay, has received a letter from the Chief Commissioner, in which the latter expressed his entire satisfaction at the way in which the removal of the British Residency from Mandalay was conducted; and thanking Mr St. Barbe for the able and satisfactory manner in which the instructions of the Government were carried out. The same paper hears that Mr St. Barbe has applied or intends to apply for leave, as his eyes are somewhat seriously affected.

#### Quotations.

Bombay, December 11.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$4570  
Old " " " " 535  
New Barmar, cash, 517  
Old " " " " 535  
New M'wra, credit, 605  
Allowance Tails, —  
Old M'wra, credit, 745  
Allowance Tails, —

#### Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/8  
Demand, ... 3/8  
30 days sight, ... 3/8  
4 months sight, ... 3/8  
Credits, 4 " " " 3/10  
Documentary, 4 months sight, 3/10  
India, Wire, ... 224  
demand, ... 224  
Shanghai, demand, ... 788  
30 days sight, ... 744  
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine ... 27.80  
Sovereigns, ... 5.31.

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 56 1/2 prem. sellers.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,360.  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,360.  
North China Ins. Co., \$1,125.  
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,780, buyers.  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$310, sales.  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$315, buyers.  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$223, sales.  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 13 1/2 prem.  
H.K. O. M. S. boat Co., \$19 prem.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$11  
China Coast S. Nav. Co., \$14.109  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$70  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$66.  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$158  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal  
Do. of 1877, do.

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 11.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.264  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.162  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.138  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 61  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 65  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 64  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 58  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 55  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 55  
Do. Maximum ... 68  
Do. Minimum over night 57



## Mails.

## MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. *NIGATA MARU*, Captain WALKER, due here on or about the 8th Dec., will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th Dec., at Day-Light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 12th Dec. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

## RATES OF PASSAGE.

To Kobe.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.  
"Yokohama & Do. \$75. Do. \$20.  
"Nagasaki.....Do. \$80. Do. \$25.  
A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. de13

## NOTICE.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

## STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

POINT DE GALLE,

ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, NAPLES, AND

MARSEILLE.

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA

AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th December, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *AMAZON*, Commandant LOMBARD, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th December, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de13

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the 23rd December. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de24

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES.

AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *GALICIA* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, January 14th, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. de13

## Mails.



## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE

GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,

BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-

TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-

AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND

AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *THIBET*, Captain P. H. TORRICK, will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 11 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. MOLLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. de18

## Intimations.

## HONGKONG WHARF &amp; GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire GODOWNS to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. de13

## NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE EXCLUSIVELY.

Head Office, Surrey Street, Norwich.

London Office, 60, Fleet Street.

CAPITAL.....£1,100,000.

THE undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.

BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1879. de19

## YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

## ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce that he carries on from this Date the above Establishment, as a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. The House is now being THOROUGHLY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED. Mr. SHUSTER hopes by strict attention to Business, and by supplying the Best of Liquors, to merit a share of Public Patronage. The house has AMPLE ACCOMMODATION for BOARDERS, who will meet with every comfort. The Table will be of the Best and the Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor will be at all times ready to supply PICNIC PARTIES and to provide DINNERS for PARTIES of Six and upwards on very REASONABLE TERMS.

THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE RE-LAID.

English and American BILLIARD TABLES.

Tiffin at ONE; DINNER at SEVEN.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL,

J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. de14

## COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

W. B. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an EXTENSIVE MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 32 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.

Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, October 4, 1879. de30

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. HEINRICH EBELL retired from our firm on the 22nd August last, and his INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY therein CEASED from that date.

HERTON, EBELL & Co.

Holhow, November 15th, 1879.

OUR Business will in future be carried on under the firm or style of HERTON & Co. Mr. LOUIS JUDELL is authorized to sign the firm's name.

HERTON, EBELL & Co.

Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong, November 15th, 1879. de16

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September a.c.

Mr. C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

REISS & Co.,

Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. de13

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER

AND

COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLACK will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agent,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. de30

## To Let.

THE BASEMENT of HOUSE, No. 4, Praya East, MARINE LOT No. 65 (formerly known as the "Blue Houses," with possession on 1st January, proximo.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de1

## "ROSE VILLAS"—EAST.

SIX ROOMS, upon BONHAM and ROBINSON ROADS. GAS, WATER, FLOWER and VEGETABLE GARDEN, STABLE and TENNIS LAWN.

Apply to

SHARP & DANBY,

No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GODOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT 10. Possession from 1st December next.

Also, the Two HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession from 1st December.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE in GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF. BUILDINGS, at Moderate Terms.

Apply to

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, August 9, 1879.

## TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

## Insurance.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

## FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premium for LIFE Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1879. de20

## SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879. de30

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 250,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 200,370

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATION, 25th April, 1879.....Tls. 866,370

## Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. W. BOYD, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq., G. LUGAS, Esq., S. D. WEBB, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq., Agent.

3, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 per cent. on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. de30

## Insurance.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## Insurance.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## Insurance.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.